

The Senate concurred in the Assembly amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 16, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Osgood moved that the reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Mr. McCaskill, on Committee of Joint Resolution to adjourn, be filled by the President;

Which was agreed to, and Mr. Walker appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Committee on Claims made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 16, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred Assembly bill No. 101:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Johnson, S. S. Forbes, L. L. Harrison, C. N. Johnson, Susan Fleming, John G. Ellis, Mary J. Rowe, Joseph N. Anderson, Michael Levy, J. J. Mintz, Henry Bray, L. G. Mayo and Enoch Chadwick,

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that it do pass with the accompanying amendment.

Respectfully,

A. D. MCKINNON, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 16, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 33:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874; also,

Senate bill No. 40:

To be entitled an act to provide for a uniform system of establishing and licensing Ferries and Bridges in this State;

Beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. WEEKS, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 12, 1877.

TO THE HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee, to whom was referred

Assembly bill No. 80:

To be entitled an act relative to depositions taken under commission, approved January 11, 1855, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your committee, to whom was referred a bill:

To be entitled an act to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors or to persons who are intoxicated, have considered the same and instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend the adoption of the amendments accompanying the report, and as amended to recommend the passage of the bill.

Very respectfully,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 16, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate :

SIR: The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill :

To be entitled an act to repeal an act approved December 3, 1866, to establish the office of Harbor Master for the port of Pensacola, have considered the same with care and deliberation, and have directed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation of the committee against the passage of the same.

The duties of Harbor Master, as defined in the act, are such as are required to a greater or less degree in all ports frequented by shipping, and in the present instance they find upon inquiry that there are at times a large fleet of vessels in the port of Pensacola, the presence of which absolutely demands an officer clothed with the powers and charged with the duties imposed by the law sought to be repealed. A reference to the law will make this apparent to all.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 14, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Harrison Reed, late Governor of Florida, for a final adjustment of his accounts, beg leave to report that they have had the petition under consideration. The petitioner states that the records of the Legislature and the Departments contain all the necessary documents to a knowledge of the equities and justice of the case. Upon examination of the records of the Legislature, your committee find that at the last session the petitioner presented his claim to the Senate, which was referred to the Committee on Claims. This committee presented two reports, the majority finding "that there are large amounts alleged to have been paid him (this petitioner) on account of the State, which are denied by him, and as grave legal questions are involved in the final adjustment of the accounts, which cannot be determined by your committee, they therefore recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Attorney-General for final adjustment."

The minority of said committee reported that the claim of this petitioner consisted of the following items, viz :

Expenditures by act of the Legislature of 1868, and charged under the head of secret service.....	\$22,948.00
General contingent expenses.....	5,873.86
House rent.....	6,000.00
Balance on Executive contingent expenses.....	5,979.85

Total..... \$40,806.71

And that as an offset to this claim they find due the State of Florida by the petitioner the following sums, viz:

Deduction on claim for house rent in excess of \$500 per year.....	\$3,000.00
Add to this amount overpaid on arms.....	7,850.00
Interest on same, say five years, at 7 per cent....	2,947.50
Add amount borrowed from State.....	22,549.14
Interest on same.....	7,600.00

Total..... \$43,946.64
Deduct amount of this petitioner's claim against the State, including interest..... \$40,806.71

And we have the sum of..... \$3,139.93
Now due the State of Florida by the said petitioner.

The minority close their report with the following resolution :

Resolved, That all claims of ex-Governor Reed against the State are considered settled, and from and after this date all accounts between him and the State are considered balanced.

The records of the departments have not been examined by your committee as to the evidence therein contained to support the claim of the petitioner. If in the judgment of the Senate an examination should be made in connection with this petition of the records of the departments, your committee would recommend that this petition be referred to the Attorney-General and Comptroller of Public Accounts, with instructions to report as early as practicable a full statement of the accounts of the petitioner with the State of Florida, as shown by the records of the departments.

Respectfully,
J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying petition placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 1877.)

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill:
To be entitled an act to further define the duty of the
Comptroller as to reports of defaulters in the payment of
amounts due the State,

Have had the same under consideration, and instructed me
to report the same back to the Senate for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among
the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, February 16, 1877.)

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a
bill:

To be entitled an act to regulate Criminal Proceedings be-
fore Justices of the Peace,

Have had the same under consideration, and instructed me
to report to the Senate the amendment of the said bill as shown
in the paper accompanying this report, and as thus amended
to recommend the passage of the same. They desire to say
that the amendments recommended have been agreed on by the
Committee on the Judiciary of the Assembly, on consultation,
and having undergone the careful scrutiny of both Committees,
they recommend the adoption of the amendments and passage
of the bill with greater confidence than otherwise might or
should attach to their report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill and amend-
ments placed among the orders of the day.

Under suspension of the rule, Mr. Wallace introduced

Senate bill No. 48:

To be entitled an act to establish a State Lunatic Asylum,
for the Government and Support thereof, and Appropriations
thereto;

Which was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Assembly bill No. 19:

To be entitled an act to regulate Criminal Proceedings
before Justices of the Peace,

Was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, the further consideration of the
bill was postponed until to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 126:

To be entitled an act to further define the Duty of the Comp-
troller as to reports of Defaulters in the payment of amounts
due the State,

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading
on to-morrow.

Senate bill No. 46:

To be entitled an act to prevent the sale of Intoxicating
Liquors to Minors, or to Persons who are Intoxicated,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by
the committee adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading
to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 81:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act relative to Depositions
taken under Commission, approved January 11, 1875,

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading
on to-morrow.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Durkee offered the fol-
lowing resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Harrison Reed, late Governor
of the State of Florida, be referred to the Attorney-General
and Comptroller of Public Accounts, with instructions to pre-
pare and furnish to this Senate a full statement as to the valid-
ity of the said Harrison Reed's claim, as shown by the records
of the departments.

Mr. Lykes offered the following as an amendment to the
resolution:

*Resolved by the People of the State of Florida, represented
in Senate and Assembly*, That all claims of Harrison Reed
against the State of Florida are considered settled, and from
and after this date all accounts between him and the State are
considered balanced;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes,
McGuire, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and
Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, McMeekin,
Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—8.

So the amendment to the resolution was adopted.

A message was received from the Governor at the hands of
his Private Secretary.

Senate bill No. 45:

To be entitled an act to repeal an act to establish the office
of Harbor-master for the port of Pensacola, approved Decem-
ber 8, 1866,

Was read the second time, and ordered for the third reading on to-morrow.

Assembly bill No. 101:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Johnson, S. S. Forbes, L. L. Harrison, C. N. Johnson, Susan Fleming, John G. Ellis, Mary Jane Rowe, Joseph N. Anderson, Michael Levy, J. J. Ment, Henry Bray, L. G. Mayo and Enoch Chadwick,

Was read the second time, and the amendment by the committee, to insert "Miles Mountain, of Washington county," agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, the bill was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantly, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McKinnon, McMeekin, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Meacham and Walls—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

The following message from the Assembly was received:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 128:

To be entitled an act to fix the per diem to be allowed to the Private Secretary of the Governor, to the Clerk of the Supreme Court as Librarian, and to the Clerk of the Comptroller's office, and for other purposes; and

Assembly bill No. 129:

To be entitled an act to Prohibit officers from Speculating in or Purchasing evidences of Indebtedness of the State or County,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompany bills referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 162:

To be entitled an act for the relief of William Wagner of Dade county and Isaiah Hall and John Shurrer of Monroe county,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill referred to the Committee on Claims.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 109:

To be entitled an act to authorize owners of one-fifth or more of the stock of Corporations or Joint Stock Companies to compel quarterly statements, and provide for the appointment of Receivers when such statements are refused or false; also

Assembly bill No. 124:

To be entitled an act to amend sections sixty-four and sixty-five of an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, A. D. 1874,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 138 :

To be entitled an act to amend section five and to repeal section four of an act entitled an act to provide for the maintenance, care and custody of Lunatics or Insane Persons in this State, approved December 27, 1856, and to further provide for the maintenance, care and custody of Lunatics and Insane Persons ; and

Assembly bill No. 141 :

To be entitled an act to prevent the removal of Mortgaged Property, or property upon which there is a lien,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 125 :

To be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act for the Pay of State Attorneys and County Judges, approved February 1, 1869 ;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 154 :

To be entitled an act to amend Section 29 of an act entitled

an act for the Assessment and Collection of Revenue, approved February 17, 1874 ; and

Assembly bill No. 164 :

To be entitled an act to extend the time for the collection of Taxes for the year 1876 to the first day of May, 1877,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 136 :

To be entitled an act to repeal Section 9 of an act entitled an act to organize the office of Attorney-General of the State of Florida, approved July 23, 1845, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of the State of Florida ; and,

Assembly bill No. 137 :

To be entitled an act making appropriation for the repair of buildings at Chattahoochee to be used as an asylum for the indigent Insane, and for the support, care and treatment of such indigent Insane persons ;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills referred as follows :

Assembly bill No. 136, to the Committee on Judiciary.

Assembly bill No. 137, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also the following :

ASSEMBLY HALL, }
TALLAHASSEE, February 15, 1877. }

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 133:

To be entitled an act to amend section 3 of an act defining the duties and powers of State Attorneys, and authorizing the Judges to appoint Prosecuting Attorneys in the event of the absence of the State Attorney, approved June 22, 1869; and

Assembly bill No. 135:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1 and repeal sections 2 and 3 of an act to provide an Asylum for the Indigent Lunatics of the State of Florida, approved February 19, 1874, and to further provide for the establishment and government of said Asylum;

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed

Assembly bill No. 131:

To be entitled an act to fix the pay of Members of the Legislature and officers and attaches thereof; also

Assembly bill No. 132:

To be entitled an act defining the duties of the Attorney-General in reference to State Attorneys and Cabinet officers; also

Assembly bill No. 139:

To be entitled an act to facilitate the Settlement of Insolvent Estates,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was read, and Assembly bill No. 131 referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation, and Assembly bill No. 132 referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., February 15, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has receded from Assembly amendments numbers one and two to

Senate bill No. 2:

To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for 1876.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was received and read.

Also the following:

ASSEMBLY HALL,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 17, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has refused to recede from Assembly amendments to

Senate Bill No. 17:

To be entitled an act to repeal sections 10, 14 and 15 of an act entitled an act to establish and keep in good repair the public Roads and Highways in this State, approved February 19, 1874, and for other purposes,

And ask that the bill and amendments be referred to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate and Assembly as a Joint Committee of Conference,

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Which was received and read.

The following communication was received from the State Treasurer:

TREASURER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 1877. }

Hon. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR—In obedience to a resolution in relation to "the nine

hundred and seventy bonds issued to the South Florida Railroad Company," transmitted to this office by the Secretary of your honorable body, on the 15th inst., I have the honor to make the following statements:

1. As to when and under what law said bonds were issued, they bear date July 1, 1871, and purport to be issued in accordance with the acts of the Legislature of Florida, approved June 24, 1869, and February 7, 1870.

2. As to the manner and by what means the said bonds came into the Treasurer's office, and their present status, I beg leave to refer to a communication from my predecessor, Hon. C. H. Foster, herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully,
WALTER GWYNN, Treasurer.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 15, 1877.

Hon. Walter Gwynn, State Treasurer:

SIR—In reply to your request for information concerning the \$970,000 Florida State Bonds issued to the South Florida Railroad Company reported as in Treasury office in my annual reports for the years 1875 and 1876, I would respectfully inform you that there were

Received from my predecessor in office and reported in my annual report for 1873.....	\$130,000
Received by express in 1874, in a package addressed to the Governor.....	840,000
Not yet returned to the State.....	30,000

Total amount of bonds executed by Gov. Reed, July 1, 1871.....\$1,000,000

For further information respecting these bonds, I would refer you to the Comptroller's report for 1874.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES H. FOSTER,
Late State Treasurer.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Walker, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 1877. }
HON. NOBLE A. HULL,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The undersigned members of your Committee on Priv

ileges and Elections beg leave to report that they have carefully examined

Assembly bill No. 93:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of Electors, approved August 6, 1868, And find that the title of the act of August 6, 1868, is as follows, viz:

"An act to provide for the registration of Electors, and the holding of Elections."

The title of this bill, therefore, should be amended by inserting after the word "electors," the following: "And the holding of Elections." And in the third line of the first section, after the word electors, should be inserted the following: "And the holding of elections."

With these amendments, we recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully submitted.
WHITFIELD WALKER, Chairman.
G. C. BRANTLEY,
W. T. ORMAN.

Which was read, and the amendment recommended by the committee adopted, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 93:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to Provide for the Registration of Electors, approved August 5th, 1868.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:
Strike out "willfully" and insert "fail," wherever it occurs in the bill.

Mr. Orman moved to lay the amendment on the table;
Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Durkee, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

So the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

That no person shall be prohibited from voting in any county if he has resided in the county in which he offers to vote six months, and in the State twelve months.

Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table;
Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment :

Strike out " district " wherever it appears in the bill.

Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment :

In section 1 line 35, strike out all after " resides " and lines 36 and 37.

Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment :

That this act shall also apply to all municipal elections held in this State.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cottrell, further consideration of the bill was postponed until ten minutes after 4 o'clock.

The Joint Committee on Enrollment made the following report :

The Joint Committee on Enrollment report to the Senate that they have examined and compared the bills below with the enrollment, and find that they are correctly enrolled, to wit :

Assembly bill No. 21 :

An act for the relief of J. H. and A. L. Randolph ;

Assembly bill No. 25 :

An act to authorize William J. Barnett to establish a Ferry on the Suwannee river ;

Assembly bill No. 107 :

An act to provide for the speedy determination of certain issues of law in the several Circuit Courts of the State ;

Assembly bill No. 64 :

An act for the collection of the back taxes of Suwannee county and for other purposes ;

Assembly bill No. 29 :

An act to amend section 3, chapter 1,628, relating to Jurors,

and to repeal chapter 2043, Laws of Florida, approved February 20, 1875 ;

Assembly bill No. 91 :

An act in relation to relinquishment of Dower ;

Assembly bill No. 103 :

An act to protect the interests of Farmers, Planters and others ;

Assembly bill No. 73 :

An act to provide for the cancellation of Mortgages ;

Assembly bill No. 82 :

An act to exempt members of organized and equipped Fire and Hook and Ladder Companies of all incorporated cities in this State from serving as Petit Jurors ;

Assembly bill No. 153 :

An act for the relief of Henry Walker or Lafayette county, Florida ;

Concurrent resolution :

Embodying a memorial to Congress relative to the counting of the electoral vote ;

A Joint Resolution :

Relative to a Mail Route from Volusia to Leesburg ;

Joint Resolution :

Concerning a Mail Route from Pensacola to Key West ;

Joint Resolution :

Relative to United States land reserved for timber in this State ;

Joint Resolution :

Memorializing Congress to open the channels of the Ocala head-water lakes ;

Joint Resolution :

Relative to the four million State bonds issued in favor of the J. P. & M. R. R. Co. ;

Joint Resolution :

Memorializing Congress for a new Mail Route.

Memorial for a Mail Route from Bassville to Lake View in Brevard county.

Senate bill No. 3 :

An act to permanently locate the county line of Manatee county.

J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.

Which was received and read.

On motion, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, on motion of Mr. Richard, the Senate adjourned.

19s

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—21.

A quorum present.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

In line 58, strike out all after "district," down to and including "lives," in line 59.

Mr. Walker moved that the amendment be laid on the table; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

In line 69, after the word "county," insert "or before the inspectors on the day of election, in case of sickness or other inability to appear before the County Commissioners."

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

Strike out "one month," and insert "six months;" strike out "five months," and insert "twelve months."

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of section two.

Mr. McKinnon moved to lay the amendment on the table;

The yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Lykes, McKinnon, McMeekin, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—10.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:

Strike out in line 16, all after "reside," down to and including "lives," in line 18.

Mr. Brantley moved to lay the motion on the table; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the motion on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

Strike out in section 2, line 47, all after "registration," down to and including "appointed," in line 49.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

Strike out in section 3, in line 3, all after "election," to the end of the section.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The yeas and nays being called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Cottrell moved to reconsider the vote just had, and to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:

This bill is intended to deprive all persons from voting who cannot read and write.

Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—12.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Long, Meacham, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:

In Section 4, line 11, insert: That the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall, upon application, furnish to each Elector in the county a certificate of registration, and upon the presentation of which to the Inspectors of Election at any precinct shall entitle the holder to vote at any precinct in the county in which the same is granted, unless he has been otherwise disqualified.

Mr. Orman moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long, Meacham, Wallace and Walls—5.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:
 In Section 4, lines 16 and 17, strike out: "Election district" and insert "county."
 Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table;
 Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.
 The vote was:
 Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Hendry, Johnson, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—11.
 Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.
 So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.
 Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:
 Strike out 15, 16 and 17 lines in Section 5.
 Mr. Orman moved to lay the amendment on the table.
 The yeas and nays being called for,
 The vote was:
 Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.
 Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.
 So the motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.
 Mr. Long offered the following amendment:
 In section 6, lines 3 and 6, strike out the words "plain white;"
 Which was laid on the table.
 Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:
 Strike out the sixth section;
 Which was laid on the table.
 Mr. Walls moved to reconsider the vote to lay on the table.
 Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;
 Which was agreed to.
 Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:
 "Or that he is a citizen of said precinct or district."
 Mr. Cottrell moved to lay it on the table;
 Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.
 The vote was:
 Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Walls—12.
 Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Weeks—6.
 Mr. Long offered the following amendment:
 In section 7, line 10, strike out all after the word "county" down to and including "city" in line 12.

Mr. Walker moved to lay it on the table;
 Which was agreed to.
 Mr. Osgood offered the following amendment:
 "And it shall be a felony for any person to represent to any elector that a candidate's name appears on any ticket which he desires to vote, when it does not."
 Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table;
 Which was agreed to.
 Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment:
 "And if the elector does not know in what block he lives or resides, then the Clerk or Deputy shall take his name and proceed to make an inquiry in the city records."
 Mr. Walker moved to lay the amendment on the table;
 Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.
 The vote was:
 Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.
 Nays—Messrs. Hill, Howell, Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—7.
 So the motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.
 The Joint Enrolling Committee made the following report:
 The Joint Enrolling Committee report that they have examined and compared a bill:
 To be entitled an act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriation for 1875, and for defraying the expenses of the State Government for 1876, with the enrollment, and that they find it correctly enrolled.
 J. L. F. COTTRELL, Chm'n.
 Which was received and read.
 Mr. Hill offered the following amendment:
 Strike out in line 29 section 7, "three" and insert "two."
 Mr. Cottrell moved to lay it on the table,
 Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.
 The vote was:
 Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.
 Nays—Messrs. Howell, Long, Osgood, Wallace and Walls—6.
 So the motion to lay upon the table was agreed to.
 Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment:
 Strike out all of section 8;
 Which was not agreed to.
 Mr. Long offered the following amendment:
 In section 8, after line 25, insert: "That the provisions of this act shall be considered to be mandatory, and any neglect

or failure on the part of the County Commissioners or Clerk shall be deemed to have invalidated the election in the county, and any failure on the part of the Deputy Clerks or registration officers or inspectors of precincts shall have a like effect on the election for the precinct wherein the same occurs."

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker and Weeks—13.

Nays—Messrs. Long, Meacham, Osgood, Wallace and Weeks—5.

So the motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. Long offered the following amendment:

Strike out section 9.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay the amendment on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following amendment as a new section to Assembly bill No. 93:

Section 11. Nothing in this act shall be so construed so as prevent any person or persons from voting anywhere in the county; *Provided*, They are entitled to vote under the Constitution and laws of this State.

Mr. Cottrell moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Walls offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A Senator has upon this floor stated that gross frauds in connection with the election held in this State on the 7th day of November, 1876, at Archer, Florida, were perpetrated, therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be and hereby is appointed to investigate the election and alleged frauds at Archer, in Alachua county, Florida.

Mr. Hendry moved to lay it on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Meacham offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Assembly bill No. 93, to be entitled an act entitled an act to provide for the registration of Electors, approved August 6, 1868, passed the Assembly, and is now pending before the Senate; *and whereas*, The said bill is likely to pass the Senate and deprive a large number of people of voting in this State, therefore,

Resolved, That the said bill is unjust, unfair and unlawful.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. McKinnon laid on the table.

The bill was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Cottrell made the special order for to-morrow, 10½ o'clock.

Mr. Wallace moved that the Senate adjourn,

Which was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

REMOVALS.

O. Buddington, from the office of County Judge, Clay county.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Wm. Peeler, to be County Judge, Clay county.

A. St.Clair Abrams, to be State Attorney for the Seventh Judicial Circuit.

SATURDAY, February 17, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Barnes, Brantley, Cottrell, Durkee, Hill, Howell, Long, Lykes, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—20.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Walker moved that the further reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Assembly bill No. 93:

Mr. Walker moved to lay Mr. Meacham's resolution on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The following message was received from the Assembly:

ASSEMBLY HALL,

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., February 16, 1877.

HON. NOBLE A. HULL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the Assembly to inform the Senate that the Assembly has passed